



3-353rd Infantry Battalion “GHOSTRIDERS” Commander



Lieutenant Colonel JR Deimel received his commission from the United States Military Academy in 1995. He has served as a combat advisor in both Iraq and Afghanistan. His assignments as a tactical advisor include a 2007 deployment to Baghdad in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, where he served as an advisor to the 1st Iraqi Federal Police Motorized Battalion; the Commander of the 1st Federal Police Motorized Brigade; and as an Operations and Training Advisor to the G3, Federal Police Headquarters. He deployed again in 2011 as an operational advisor in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM where he served as the Deputy Commanding Officer of Regional Support Command-Southwest, NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan at CAMP LEATHERNECK in Helmand Province.

Lieutenant Colonel Deimel's other operational assignments include service as both a Tank and Mortar Platoon Leader in the 1st Battalion, 33rd Armored Regiment, Fort Lewis, Washington; Division G3 Plans and Exercises Officer, 2nd ID Headquarters, Camp Red Cloud, Uijongbu, Republic of Korea; Commander of both B Troop and Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment at CAMP GARRY OWEN, Munsan, Republic of Korea; and as both Operations Officer and Executive Officer of the 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team at Fort Lewis, Washington. This final assignment also included a 2009 deployment to Diyala Province in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

Lieutenant Colonel Deimel's institutional support assignments include service as a Branch Manager in the U.S. Army's Human Resources Command, and he comes to Fort Polk most recently from the National Training Centers Operations Group where he served as the senior Observer Coach Trainer for both Reconnaissance Task Force and Brigade Combat Team staffs.

Lieutenant Colonel Deimel is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic Course, the Armor Captains Career Course, and the Marine Corps Command and Staff College at US Marine Corps Base Quantico. His civilian education includes a Bachelors of Science from the United States Military Academy and a Master of Arts in Security Studies from Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), The Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Afghan Campaign Medal, the NATO Medal, the Ranger Tab, and the Airborne and Air Assault Badges.